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were 399 deaths during the period July 11-24, of which 5 were from measles, 1 from diphtheria, 4 from smallpox, and 14 from typhoid fever.

SPIRIDION C. ZAVITZIANO,

United States Sanitary Commissioner.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

VENEZUELA.

Report on the prevalence of smallpox in Venezuela.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, July 25, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that I was to-day informed by an agent of the health department that there are at present more than 150 cases of smallpox in the city of Caracas.

Vaccination has been very general, and is compulsory. Stringent measures are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and great efforts are being made to keep the ports of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello free from it.

So far as I can learn there is no smallpox now in either place. Valencia, the second city of Venezuela, is said to have had 1,000 cases of smallpox within the last three months and a very large number are reported at La Victoria.

The disease has been carried about the country by the troops going and returning from the battlefields of the revolution. The number of cases reported from Valencia is probably exaggerated. It is a matter of difficulty to get precise information, as all details are carefully concealed.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS B. LOOMIS,

United States Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

PUERTO CABELLO, VENEZUELA, July 26, 1898.

SIR: The sanitary condition of Puerto Cabello is excellent, and there is no smallpox or other contagious disease in the city or its immediate vicinity.

The authorities here declared this port open July 1, 1898, and there has been no reason for closing it since.

Ships clearing for ports in the United States have not touched at this port since it was opened until to-day.

Should any contagious or infectious disease break out here I will immediately advise you.

Valencia, Venezuela, a city about 30 miles south of this port, has been quarantined against by the authorities of this city, as it is reported that about 1,000 cases of smallpox are within its limits.

As I understand it, quarantine will not be lifted for eighteen days; and should smallpox still exist in Valencia at the end of that period, the quarantine will be prolonged until the disease ceases.

Your obedient servant,

LUTHER T. ELLSWORTH,

United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.